



City of Beverly, Massachusetts

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RE: BEVERLY AWARDED \$20,000 FIRST RESPONDER NALOXONE GRANT

BEVERLY – The City of Beverly was recently awarded a \$20,000 First Responder Naloxone Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS). The grant was awarded to the Beverly Police and Fire Departments to purchase naloxone (brand name Narcan), equipment and related supplies. Naloxone is a medication designed to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. The medication quickly restores normal respiration to an individual whose breathing has slowed or stopped as a result of overdosing with heroin or prescription opioid pain medications.

Access to naloxone will help Beverly's first responders be prepared to assist substance use victims in emergency situations and potentially save lives. This funding continues to expand access to naloxone for first responders on the front lines of the opioid epidemic. The multi-year first responder naloxone grant is in effect from June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2023 with the option to renew until June 30, 2027.

"Thank you to Governor Baker for this critical grant. These funds will ensure our Beverly Police and Firefighters have the naloxone they need to continue to save the lives of opioid overdose victims. Naloxone gives people a chance to receive treatment and beat their addiction" stated Beverly Mayor Michael Cahill.

Beverly Police Chief John LeLacheur commented "We are grateful for this grant funding that is important for providing our law enforcement and fire personnel with the necessary tools to reverse an opioid overdose. It's imperative that we have the naloxone option ready to combat the current opioid crisis that Beverly and communities across the country are facing."

Sharps disposal boxes can be located in the lobbies at the Beverly Police Department headquarters, 191 Cabot Street and at Beverly Hospital, 85 Herrick Street.

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